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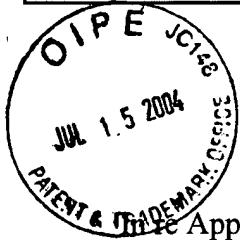
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Filed: March 2, 2004

For: REMOVAL OF PERMANGANATE REDUCING
COMPOUNDS FROM METHANOL
CARBONYLATION PROCESS STREAM

Group Art Unit: 1621

Examiner: Unknown

Atty. Docket No.: 10437.0073.NPUS01

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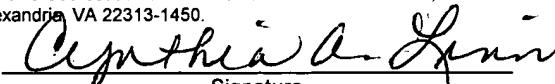
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- Part 2 of Form PTO-1533, Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application.
- Declaration executed by the inventors.
- A Power of Attorney executed by



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An Assignment executed by the inventors and Recordation Cover Sheet.

Other Papers: First Preliminary Amendment; Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449; return postcard.

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The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge the amount of \$130.00 for the above fees to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, Order No. 10437.0073.NPUS01.

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The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 10437.0073.NPUS01.

Applicants respectfully request that the Office contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to discuss any issues or questions presented by this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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